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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, S.C. 29211
RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Office of Regulatory Staff:

I am writing to let you know that I protest SCE&G's rate hike request of almost 10% at this time of economic struggle for our citizens unparalleled since the great depression. I am aware that SCE&G was approved for a 2.5% rate increase annually for the next decade following a 4.4% rate hike in 2008. The proposed rate hike will boost the average residential power bill by about \$140 a year by July 2011. According to the newspaper, other nearby power companies are decreasing their rates! For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93. For SCE&G it is already \$118. The rate increase, if granted, would put it at \$130! SCE&G has higher rates than other investor owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

I am asking you to protect the citizens from this greed by absolutely and completely denying this rate increase request.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Nancy Baker and Steve Baker. The signature of Nancy Baker is written in a cursive script, and the signature of Steve Baker is written below it in a similar style.

Nancy and Steve Baker